

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Massimo CANALI, et al.

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For: METHOD OF MANAGING EVENT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AGENT AND  
MANAGER PROCESSING ENTITIES IN A TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK  
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein said alert notifications can be sent according to a combination of said two modes, at fixed timeouts and after a number of generated events, so that the next alert notification will be sent either after N subsequent events generated or at the expiration of said fixed timeout, depending on the mode occurring first in the time.

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13. (Amended)A telecommunications network including a management system performing the method for the management of event communications between Agent – and Manager – type processing entities as in claim 1.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**APPENDIX**

**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**The claims are amended as follows:**

4.     ~~(Amended)~~A method according to ~~claim 2 or 3~~claim 2, wherein said alert notifications can be sent according to a combination of said two modes, at fixed timeouts and after a number of generated events, so that the next alert notification will be sent either after N subsequent events generated or at the expiration of said fixed timeout, depending on the mode occurring first in the time.

13.    ~~(Amended)~~A telecommunications network including a management system performing the method for the management of event communications between Agent – and Manager – type processing entities as in ~~any of claims 1 to 12~~claim 1.